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Sl.No. State/UT	EWS (Urban) New Units	EWS (Urban) Upgraded Units	Total EWS (Urban)	LIG	MIG	HIG	Total
13. J and K	2063	11998	14061	107	2045	1968	18181
14. Kerala	304658	110110	414768	191776	19294	8493	634331
15. Karnataka	259168	10080	269248	87044	19849	10020	386161
16. Meghalaya	5694	941	6635	4413	1640	645	13333
17. Maharashtra	47964	62905	110869	101910	45303	22630	280712
18. Manipur	1927	1947	3874	7279	2882	1084	15119
19. Madhya Pd.	26007	13843	39850	48138	31735	9056	128779
20. Mizoram	691	5150	5841	2441	1275	500	10057
21. Nagaland	3562	0	3562	14952	817	1074	20405
22. Orissa	25837	15283	41120	40601	10204	4817	96742
23. Pondicherry	1259	0	1259	3372	604	82	5317
24. Punjab	8231	15079	23310	14164	9361	11391	58226
25. Rajasthan	67498	8	67506	66179	42720	18068	194473
26. Sikkim	3400	3854	7254	3482	1275	328	12339
27. Tamil Nadu	97892	240858	338750	119093	77772	29633	565248
28. Tripura	2331	2209	4540	1156	305	158	6159
29. Uttar Pd.	146789	87983	234772	97014	44285	17586	393657
30. West Bengal	16793	205900	222693	6299	8059	7687	244738
Total	1420117	1070409	2490526	1271429	428021	189182	4379158

Restructuring of export promotion councils

*303. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study about the effectiveness of the various Export Promotion Councils and whether these Councils have been successful in meeting the objectives for which these were constituted;

(b) whether there is any proposal to restructure these Export Promotion Councils;

(c) whether Government are proposing to replace this network with an alternative mechanism in view of the changing scenario in commerce and foreign trade; and

(d) whether the ever increasing role of WTO and a holistic view of the foreign trade (not merely looking to exports only) will be kept in view in this exercise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The performance of various Export Promotion Councils is regularly monitored and reviewed through an ongoing mechanism of periodical reviews like:

(i) An annual review of their performance on the basis of which a review note alongwith Annual Report of each Export Promotion Council is placed on the Tables of both Houses of Parliament every year.

(ii) During Annual MDA meetings with each Export Promotion Council to consider and approve their developmental and promotional activities to be assisted with MDA funds every financial year.

(iii) During meetings of the Managing/Administrative Committee of the Export Promotion Councils which are ordinarily attended by a representative of Ministry.

The Export Promotion Councils play a useful role in export promotion by providing a range of services to their members. The services provided by them, *inter alia*, include dissemination of trends and opportunities in international markets, conducting market studies abroad, organising participation in overseas exhibitions, organising buyer-seller meets, encouraging their members to adopt international standards etc.

(b) to (d) In view of the significant changes that have taken place in the international trade environment in recent years, especially after the conclusion of the Uruguay Round and the establishment of the WTO, it was felt necessary to restructure the Export Promotion Councils with a view to making them more responsive to the needs of their members as well as to introduce greater professionalism to improve the quality of the services being provided to their members. Government have accordingly prescribed a set of model bye-laws for adoption by the EPCs. Adoption of the model bye-laws by the EPCs will lead to rationalisation of their administrative and election procedures, thus contributing to greater efficiency and transparency in their functioning.

The Export Promotion Councils are also advising their members regarding the recent changes in the multilateral trading system and assisting them in various ways like, for instance, in contesting anti-dumping/anti-subsidy investigations, holding workshops on WTO agreements etc.

Amendment of Juvenile Justice Act, 1986

*304. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Juvenile Justice Act, 1986, to make it more child-friendly and the proposed law would be in conformity with UN Convention on Child Welfare;

(b) if so, by when;

(c) whether a campaign seeking the children rights on the agenda of all the allied systems, such as police and health care system has been launched and the State Governments have been requested to extend their support to the campaign; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the State Governments and Childline to provide medical attention, shelter and protection from abuse/death of a child?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The process is at an advanced stage but it is difficult to indicate any time frame for the enactment of the proposed legislation.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) State Governments and Childline are partners in the implementation of this campaign.